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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6961**  
Kenji TAGAWA et al. : Docket No. 99\_1229A  
Serial No. 09/436,656 : Group Art Unit 3627  
Filed November 9, 1999 : Examiner G. J. O'Connor  
**DATA CONVERSION APPARATUS** : **Mail Stop: Amendment**  
**AND METHOD IN COPYRIGHT**  
**PROTECTING SYSTEM**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 20, 2004, having a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 20, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: